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1. IN CONSIDERING MATTER RAISED BY TEXT PARA 3 REFTTEL C,
WASHINGTON SHOULD NOTE THAT AS REPORTED PARA 3 REFTTEL B, FOR
BETTER OR WORSE, I CARRIED OUT THE INSTRUCTIONS
REGARDING AGGREGATE THROW-WEIGHT OF CENTRAL SYSTEMS
IN MY PRIVATE CONVERSTATION WITH SEMENOV ON MARCH 1. ALTHOUGH
I SPOKE EXTEMPORANEOUSLY AND TOLD HIM MY STATEMENT WAS OF
COURSE INFORMAL AND THE GOVERNING LANGUAGE WOULD BE CONTAINED
IN MY FORMAL STATEMENT, THE FOLLOWING IS THE PERTINENT
PORTION OF THE TEXT OF THE FULL MEMCON:

QUOTE: JOHNSON ALSO WANTED TO SAY WITH REFERENCE TO
SEMENOV'S STATEMENT TODAY AND TO THE QUESTIONS POSED BY
SHCHUKIN AND GENERAL TRUSOV ON BOMBERS, THAT AT TUESDAY'S
MEETING HE INTENDED TO MAKE A STATEMENT CONCERNING SLBM'S AS
THEY PERTAINED TO MIRV'S, AND ALSO ON BOMBERS. SEMENOV WOULD
RECALL THAT JOHNSON HAD PROPOSED EQUAL AGGREGATE NUMBERS OF
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2350 FOR ICBM'S SLBM'S AND HEAVY BOMBERS. IT WAS THE U.S. VIEW

THAT THERE SHOULD BE SUBSTANTIAL EQUALITY NOT ONLY WITH RESPECT TO NUMBERS BUT ALSO ON THE AGGREGATE POTENTIAL OF ALL SYSTEMS TOGETHER. THAT AGGREGATE POTENTIAL WOULD INCLUDE THE THROW-WEIGHT OF MIRVED AND UNMIRVED ICBM'S, AND MIRVED AND UNMIRVED SLBM'S AND THE U.S. SIDE WOULD BE PREPARED TO INCLUDE AN ALLOWANCE FOR COMPARABLE POTENTIAL OF HEAVY BOMBER FLEETS ON BOTH SIDES. JOHNSON FELT THAT THIS WOULD GO A LONG WAY TOWARD MEETING THE CONCERN OF SEMENOV AND HIS DELEGATION ON THIS MATTER. JOHNSON INTENDED TO MAKE A FORMAL STATEMENT ON THIS SUBJECT AT THE TUESDAY, MARCH 5, MEETING AND HAD WANTED TO SHARE THIS INFORMATION INFORMALLY WITH SEMENOV TODAY. UNQUOTE

2. IN OUR PRIVATE CONVERSATION AFTER TODAY'S MEETING I WILL TELL SEMENOV THAT I PLAN TO MAKE STATEMENT TO WHICH I REFERRED AT A SUBSEQUENT MEETING.
JOHNSON

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